IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Taylor et al. Group Art Unit: 3714

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For: Method and Apparatus for Optimizing

a Security Database for a Self-Service

Checkout System

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: RPS920050806US1

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

In response to the Office Action of March 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.